

List of fertility deities

A **fertility deity** is a god or goddess associated with fertility, sex, pregnancy, childbirth, and crops. In some cases these deities are directly associated with these experiences; in others they are more abstract symbols. Fertility rites may accompany their worship. The following is a list of fertility deities.

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African

- Ala, Igbo goddess of fertility
- Asase Ya, Ashanti earth goddess of fertility
- Denka, Dinka god of the sky, rain and fertility
- Mbaba Mwana Waresa, Zulu goddess of fertility, rainbows, agriculture, rain, and bees
- Oshun (known as ***Ochún*** or ***Oxúm*** in Latin America) also spelled **Ọṣun**, is an orisha, a spirit, a deity, or a goddess that reflects one of the manifestations of God in the Ifá and Yoruba religions. She is one of the most popular and venerated orishas. Oshun is the deity of the river and fresh water, luxury and pleasure, sexuality and fertility, and beauty and love. She is connected to destiny and divination.

Ancient Egyptian

- Amun, creator-god, associated with fertility
- Bastet, cat goddess sometimes associated with fertility
- Hathor, goddess of music, beauty, love, sexuality and fertility
- Heqet, frog-goddess of fertility
- Heryshaf, god of creation and fertility
- Isis, goddess of motherhood, magic and fertility
- Mesenet, goddess of childbirth
- Min, god of fertility, reproduction, and lettuce
- Osiris, god of the afterlife, the dead, and the underworld agency that granted all life, including sprouting vegetation and the fertile flooding of the Nile River
- Renenutet, goddess of the true name, the harvest and fertile fields
- Sobek, god of the river, warfare and fertility
- Sopdet, goddess of the fertility of the soil
- Tawaret, goddess of fertility and childbirth
- Tefnut, goddess of water and fertility



Min, ancient Egyptian god of fertility and lettuce

Yoruba

- Eshu
- Oya

Native American

- Atahensic, Iroquois goddess associated with marriage, childbirth, and feminine endeavors
- Kokopelli, Hopi trickster god associated with fertility, childbirth and agriculture
- Hanhepi Wi, Lakota goddess associated with the moon, motherhood, family and femininity

Aztec

- Chimalma, goddess of fertility, life, death, and rebirth.
- Tonacatecuhtli, god of sustenance.
- Tonacacihuatl, goddess of sustenance.
- Tonantzin
- Coatlicue, goddess of fertility, life, death, and rebirth.
- Xochipilli, god of love, art, games, beauty, dance, flowers, maize, fertility, and song.
- Xochiquetzal, goddess of fertility, beauty, female sexual power, protection of young mothers, pregnancy, childbirth, and women's crafts.
- Quetzalcoatl, god of fertility, wind, water, and chocolate.

Inca

- Mama Ocllo, mother goddess, associated with fertility
- Sara Mama, goddess of grain
- Pachamama, fertility goddess who presides over planting and harvesting and causes earthquakes

Inuit

- Akna, goddess of fertility and childbirth
- Pukkeenegak, goddess of children, pregnancy, childbirth and the making of clothes

Mayan

- Akna, goddess of motherhood and childbirth
- Goddess I, goddess of eroticism, female fertility, and marriage
- Ixchel, jaguar goddess of midwifery and medicine
- Maya maize god, gods of maize
- Maximón, a Mayan god and modern folk saint associated with crops, death, and fertility and Sight

Muisca

- Chaquén, god of sports and fertility in the religion of the Muisca

Taíno

- Atabey (goddess), mother goddess of fresh waters and fertility (of people).

- Yúcahu, masculine spirit of fertility (of crops such as Yucca) along with his mother Atabey who was his feminine counterpart.

Vodou

- Ayida-Weddo, loa of fertility, rainbows and snakes
- Guédé, family of spirits that embody the powers of death and fertility

Asian

Arabian

- Attar (god)

Armenian

- Anahit, goddess of fertility, healing, wisdom, and water
- Aramazd, generous king and creator god of fertility, rain, and abundance

Canaanite

- Hadad, storm (and thus rain) god responsible for crops growing, also known as Adad and Ba'al
- Nikkal, goddess of fruits
- Tanit, consort of Ba'al Hammon at Carthage

Chinese

- Chū Shèng Niángniáng, Goddess of Fertility
- Jiutian Xuannü, a fertility goddess as well as a deity of war and long life ^[1]
- Yúnxiao Niángniáng, goddess of childbirth
- Qióngxiao Niángniáng, goddess of childbirth
- Bìxiao Niángniáng, goddess of childbirth
- Chén Jìnggū, goddess of childbirth ^[2]

Filipino

- Lakapati: the hermaphrodite Tagalog deity and protector of sown fields, sufficient field waters, and abundant fish catch;^[3] a major fertility deity;^[4] deity of vagrants and waifs;^[5] a patron of cultivated lands and husbandry^[6]
- Ikapati: the Sambal goddess of cultivated land and fertility^[7]
- Lakan-bakod: the Tagalog god of the fruits of the earth who dwells in certain plants;^[8] the god of crops;^[9] the god of rice whose hollow statues have gilded eyes, teeth, and genitals; food and wine are introduced to his mouth to secure a good crop;^[10] the protector of fences^[11]

- Kukarog: the Bicolano giant who was swept by waters into the sea, where his genital can be seen as a rock jutting from the ocean^[12]
- Ibabasag: the Bukidnon goddess of pregnant women^[13]

Hittite/Hurrian

- Hutellurra, Irsirra, and Tawara, goddesses of midwifery and nursing children
- Shaushka, goddess of fertility, war, and healing

Indian

- Banka-Mundi, goddess of the hunt and fertility
- Bhavani, goddess of fertility
- Bhumi Devi, goddess of fertility
- Bhutas, young demons of fertility
- Rohini, minor goddess of fertility and fortune
- Prithvi, goddess of the earth and the fertility form of Bhumi
- Gayatri, goddess of Vedas and adi shakti with fertility form of Savitr
- Chandra, lunar god associated with fertility
- Lajja Gauri, goddess associated with abundance and fertility
- Manasa, snake goddess associated with fertility and prosperity
- Matrikas, a group of 7-16 goddesses who are associated with fertility and motherly power.
- Parvati, goddess associated with fertility, marital felicity, devotion to the spouse, asceticism, and power
- Sinivali, goddess associated with fecundity and easy birth
- Yogmaya, goddess of fertility and protection against evil demons



Parvati

Iranian

- Anahita: or Anahit, the divinity of "the Waters" and hence associated with fertility, healing, and wisdom
- Spenta Armaiti: or Sandaramet, female divinity associated with earth and Mother Nature
- Ashi: a divinity of fertility and fortune^[14]

Israel

- Mary, mother of Jesus, according to the New Testament

Japanese

- Kichijōten, goddess of happiness, fertility, and beauty

- Kuebiko, god of agriculture and knowledge
- Inari Ōkami, deity of fertility, rice, agriculture, foxes, and industry; this deity is of ambiguous gender and may be portrayed as male, female, or ambiguous
- Shinda, fertility god of the Ainu people

Mesopotamian

- Asherah, Ancient semitic goddess of motherhood and fertility
- Dumuzid
- Gatumdag, Sumerian fertility goddess and tutelary mother goddess of Lagash
- Nanshe, Sumerian goddess of social justice, prophecy, fertility, and fishing
- Sharra Itu, Sumerian fertility goddess
- Inanna, Mesopotamian goddess of love, beauty, sex, desire, fertility, war, justice, and political power.

Turco-Mongol

- Umay, goddess of fertility and reproduction, believed to have saved two children (one boy and one girl) from a massacre. She is believed to have offered protection and guidance to the children, who managed to raise the Turcic communities. In the form of a deer, she is accepted by the Turks to be the protective power of the race, and therefore she is called in many texts as "Mother Umay".

European

Albanian

- Prende, goddess of love, beauty and fertility

Baltic

- Laima, goddess of luck and fate, associated with childbirth, pregnancy, marriage, and death
- Zemes māte, goddess of the earth, associated with fertility

Celtic

- Brigid, Irish goddess associated with fertility, spring, healing, smithing, and poetry
- Cernunnos, horned god associated with the fertility of animals and nature
- Damara, fertility goddess worshiped in Britain
- Damona, Gaulish fertility goddess
- Epona, goddess of horses, mules, donkeys, and the fertility of these animals
- Hooded Spirits, a group of deities theorised to be fertility spirits
- Nantosuelta, goddess of nature, the earth, fire, and fertility
- Onuava, goddess of fertility
- Rosmerta, Gallo-Roman goddess of fertility and abundance

Etruscan

- Fufluns, god of plant life, happiness, health, and growth in all things, equivalent to the Greek Dionysus
- Thesan, goddess of the dawn, associated with the generation of life
- Turan, goddess of love, fertility and vitality

Finno-Ugric

- Äkräs, Finnish god of fertility
- Rauni or Raun, Finnish-Estonian goddess of fertility
- Peko or Pellon-Pekko, Karelian-Seto god of fertility
- Metsik, West Estonian spirit of fertility
- Šun-Šočõnava, Mari goddess of fertility and birth.
- Mu-Kyldyšin, Udmurt god of fertility and earth.
- Zarni-Ań, Komi goddess of fertility, represented by a golden woman.
- Babba or Aranyanya, Hungarian goddess fertility, represented by a golden woman.
- Kalteš-Ekwa, Ob-Ugric goddess of fertility, represented by a golden woman.

Germanic

- Ēostre, spring and fertility goddess; in earlier times probably a dawn goddess as her name is cognate to Eos
- Freyr, god associated with peace, marriages, rain, sunshine, and fertility, both of the land and people
- Freyja, a goddess associated with fertility and sister of the above god
- Frigg, goddess associated with prophecy, marriage, and childbirth; in one myth, she also demonstrates a more direct connection with fertility, as a king and queen pray to her for a child
- Gefjun, Danish goddess of ploughing and possibly fertility
- Nerthus, earth goddess associated with fertility
- Njordr, since his name is cognate with the above goddess, it's possible he was originally an earth/fertility deity before transforming into a sea god thanked for a bountiful catch
- Thor, some strains of Norse paganism saw him as a fertility god (possibly due to bringing rain) and the father of Freyr and Freyja instead of Njordr

Greek

- Aphrodite, goddess of beauty, love, pleasure, sexuality and procreation.
- Aphaea, local goddess associated with fertility and the agricultural cycle
- Artemis, goddess of the hunt, the wilderness, wild animals, the Moon, chastity and childbirth
- Demeter, goddess of the harvest, agriculture, fertility and sacred law
- Dionysus, god of wine, grapes, and festivity, associated with fertility, particularly that of the vine and males
- Hermes, God of the messages thieves and fertility
- Hera, goddess of the air, marriage, women, women's fertility, childbirth, heirs, kings and empires

- Ilithyia, (also called Eileithyia) goddess of childbirth and midwifery, likely of Minoan or earlier origin.
- Pan, god of shepherds, flocks, mountain wilds, and rustic music; associated with fertility, particularly that of animals
- Phanes, primeval deity of procreation and the generation of new life
- Priapus, rustic god of fertility, protection of livestock, fruit plants, gardens, and male genitalia
- Tychon, a daemon imagined as a boy
- Persephone goddess of spring, flowers, and vegetation



Priapus, Greek god of fertility, gardens and male genitalia

Irish

- Dagda

Roman

- Bacchus, Roman version of Dionysus
- Bona Dea, goddess of fertility, healing, virginity, and women
- Candelifera, goddess of childbirth
- Carmenta, goddess of childbirth and prophecy
- Domidicus, the god who leads the bride home
- Domitius, the god who installs the bride
- Dīs Pater
- Fascinus, embodiment of the divine phallus
- Fecunditas, goddess of fertility
- Feronia, goddess associated with fertility and abundance
- Flora, goddess of flower and springtime
- Inuus, god of sexual intercourse
- Jugatinus, the god who joins the pair in marriage
- Juno, goddess of marriage and childbirth, Lucina was an epithet of hers; equivalent to the Greek goddess Hera
- Liber, god of viniculture, wine, and male fertility, equivalent to Greek Dionysus; in archaic Lavinium, a phallic deity
- Libera, female equivalent of Liber
- Manturna, the goddess who kept the bride at home
- Mutunus Tutunus, phallic marriage deity associated with the Greek god Priapus
- Partula, goddess of childbirth, who determined the duration of each pregnancy
- Pertuda, goddess who enables penetration
- Picumnus, god of fertility, agriculture, matrimony, infants, and children
- Prema, goddess who holds the bride down on the bed
- Robigus, fertility god who protects crops against disease
- Subigus, the god who subdues the bride to the husband's will
- Venus, goddess of beauty, love, desire, sex and fertility
- Virginiensis, the goddess who unties the girdle of the bride

Sami

- Beiwe, goddess of fertility and sanity
- Rana Niejta, goddess of spring and fertility

Slavic

- Dzydzilelya, Polish goddess of love, marriage, sexuality and fertility
- Jarilo, god of fertility, spring, the harvest and war
- Kostroma, goddess of fertility
- Mokoš, Old Russian goddess of fertility, the Mother Goddess, protector of women's work and women's destiny
- Siebog, god of love and marriage
- Svetovid, god of war, fertility, and abundance
- Živa, goddess of love and fertility

Oceanian

- Gedi (mythology), Fijian god of fertility, who taught mankind the use of fire
- Makemake, Rapa Nui creator-god, associated with fertility
- Tagroa Siria, Fijian god associated with fertility
- Tangaroa, Rarotongan god of the sea and creation, associated with fertility

Hawaiian

- Haumea, goddess of fertility and childbirth
- Kamapua'a, demi-god of fertility
- Laka, patron of the hula dance and god of fertility
- Lono, god associated with fertility, agriculture, rainfall, and music
- Nuakea, goddess of lactation

Indigenous Australian

- Anjea, goddess or spirit of fertility
- Birrahgnooloo, Kamilaroi goddess of fertility
- Dilga, Karadjeri goddess of fertility and growth
- Julunggul, Yolgnu rainbow snake goddess associated with fertility, initiation, rebirth and the weather
- Kunapipi, mother goddess and the patron deity of many heroes
- Rainbow Serpent, creator god and god of rain and fertility
- Ungud, snake god or goddess associated with rainbows and the fertility and erections of the tribe's shaman
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